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To	Lynn Kunzler	From	Dan Washington		
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Mr. Lon Thomas
American Stone
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

On March 10, 1995, our office received a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (Utah Department of Oil, Gas and Mining form) and assigned case file number U-72299 for this operation. This Notice covers your proposed Lion Heart stone gathering operation in the S $\frac{1}{2}$, Sec. 8, T. 14 N., R. 16 W., SLM in western Box Elder County, Utah. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence, pertaining to your Lion Heart operation.

Our minerals staff specialist Dan Washington reviewed the Notice and found it incomplete. Within 10 days of receipt of this letter, please provide to this office the information requested below:

1. A more detailed description of your proposed operations is needed so my staff can make a complete analysis of the impacts from your proposed operation. Enclosed for your reference is a copy of our suggested format for a notice. Please compare the information you submitted with these suggestions and fill in the blanks. If you have questions please feel free to call.
2. The legal description stated for your proposed operation is the SESE, Section 8, T. 14 N., R. 16 W., however, your small scale map shows your activity to be in SWSE. We need an accurate location of your proposed operation.
3. A detailed map of sufficient scale showing the design and location of the proposed access road, including grade, slope, cuts, fills, water drainage system, and color of flagging used to locate.

An initial review of your recently submitted Notice by our resource staff raised the following concerns:

1. Prior to any surface disturbance a cultural clearance will have to be completed on areas not previously cleared. The clearance will be conducted by our District Archeologist Doug Melton, as soon he can schedule it and when weather permits. Areas of new disturbance will have to be flagged before the clearance is conducted.
2. *Sage grouse lek non-issues*
In order to protect important wildlife habitat values, operations such as yours are restricted, by decision in the Box Elder Resource Management Plan, from any activity between December 1 and April 15 each year to protect crucial mule deer winter range and between March 15 and June 15 to protect sage grouse strutting grounds (leks). Please plan your annual operational period on these claims so that activity occurs from June 16 through November 30.
3. The proposed operation is adjacent to the Raft River. The Bureau's Riparian-Wetland Initiative has been recently implemented and establishes guidelines for activities within 100 meters of riparian areas. You will be required to follow these established guidelines.
4. There is an existing surface disturbance from a previous mining operation in the area proposed for your operation. Some debris is scattered about, please incorporate the clean up of the debris into your reclamation plan for the area.
5. A raptor study will have to be completed of the area involved in your proposed mining and the immediate surrounding area. Mitigation for raptors may be required.

Enclosed for your information are a copy of the Surface Mining Regulations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dan Washington at (801) 977-4300.

Sincerely,

Leon E. Berggren
Bear River Resource Area Manager

2 Enclosures

cc:Lynn Kunzler
Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining